

Course Specification

Course Summary Information				
1	Course Title		BSc (Hons) Finance and Investment	
2	BCU Course Code	UCAS Code	US0828	N30I
3	Awarding Institution		Birmingham City University	
4	Teaching Institution(s) (if different from point 3)			
5	Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation (if applicable)			

6	Course Description
	<p>Want to study investment finance in the UK, and take the first step towards a career in investment banking? Our BSc (Hons) Finance and Investment course allows you to take a year-long placement in industry, helping you stand out from the crowd when you graduate.</p> <p>Our programme is focused on a practical application of financial skills in the investing world, qualities that are in high demand in modern finance and investment management sectors.</p> <p>What's covered in the course?</p> <p>Designed to equip you with technical knowledge and skills in line with the Investment Management Certificate qualification from the Chartered Financial Analyst Society UK*, as well as a range of employability attributes, the course will encourage your development and commitment in becoming an investment professional.</p> <p>As you progress, you will become more effective and creative in problem solving, as well as being able to critically advise individuals and companies in the UK and internationally.</p> <p>The course also has the option of a sandwich year, wherein you'll get to go on a year-long industry placement, giving you invaluable real-world employment experience.</p> <p>During the second and final year of the programme, there will be more flexible learning opportunities that will enable you to specialise in particular subject areas, as well as allowing you to tailor your programme to a specific career path. There will also be opportunities to experience different graduate roles, with a wide variety of placements and internships on offer to compliment your studies.</p> <p>Based at the University's new campus in the UK's second city, you'll live and study in a vibrant environment and engage with local, national and international businesses. You will be taught by highly qualified academics with industrial and professional experience.</p>

7	Course Awards		
7a	Name of Final Award	Level	Credits Awarded
	Bachelor of Science with Honours Finance and Investment	6	360
	Bachelor of Science with Honours Finance and Investment (Sandwich)	6	360
7b	Exit Awards and Credits Awarded		
	Certificate of Higher Education Finance	4	120
	Diploma of Higher Education Finance and Investment	5	240
	Bachelor of Science Finance and Investment	6	300

8	Derogation from the University Regulations
	Not applicable

9	Delivery Patterns		
	Mode(s) of Study	Location	Duration of Study
	Full Time	City Centre	3 years
	Sandwich	City Centre	4 years
	Part Time	City Centre	5 years*
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* If you study this course part-time, you will study modules alongside full-time students in daytime hours (not evenings or weekends). The duration of the course will depend on how many modules you take per year, and will be agreed before you commence your studies. To qualify as a PT student you cannot undertake more than 90 credits in any one year.

10	Entry Requirements
	The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at https://www.bcu.ac.uk/ or may be found by searching for the course entry profile located on the UCAS website.

11	Course Learning Outcomes
1	An appreciation of the nature of the contexts in which finance can be seen as operating, including knowledge of the institutional framework necessary for understanding the role, operation and function of markets and financial institutions.
2	Knowledge of the major theoretical tools and theories of investment finance, and their relevance and application to theoretical and practical problems for financial investments.
3	An understanding of the relationship between financial theory and empirical testing.
4	An understanding of the financing arrangements and governance mechanisms and structures of business entities.
5	An understanding of the factors influencing the investment behaviour and opportunities of private individuals.

6	An understanding of mathematical techniques and their use financial decision-making.
7	An understanding of investment decision-making techniques and their application to a range of investment criteria.
8	An understanding of financial investment activity in the economy, and the factors that are changing these activities over time.
9	An ability to understand financial statements, and a reasonable appreciation of the limitations of financial reporting and disclosure practices and procedures, with an ability to interpret financial data for the purposes of investment decisions.

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Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
FIN6027	International Finance	20
ACC6027	Taxation	20
FIN6032	Corporate Financial Strategy	20
ACC6022	Project Management	20
BUS6059	Integrated Business Research Project	40

12b Structure Diagram

Please note list of optional modules is indicative only. Students' choice will not be guaranteed for optional modules but a fair and transparent process will be adopted and shared with students.

Full Time Course Structure Level 4

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core FIN4005: Introduction to Finance (20 credits) ACC4027: Introduction to Financial Accounting (20 credits) QME4011: Principles of Economics (20 credits)	Core FIN4006: Quantitative Methods for Finance (20 credits) ACC4028: Applied Accounting (20 credits) ACC4030: Financial Information Systems (20 credits)

Level 5

Core FIN5017: Financial Analysis for Investment (20 credits) ACC5032: Financial Reporting Module (20 credits)	Core FIN5018: Risk Management (20 credits) FIN5016: Financial Modelling (20 credits)
Optional FIN5014: Corporate Finance (20 credits) QME5006: Microeconomics (20 credits) ACC5029: Study Abroad (20 credits)	Optional ACC5035: Principles of Taxation (20 credits) ACC5031: Ethics, Corporate Governance and Law (20 credits) ACC5029: Study Abroad (20 credits)

Level 6

Core FIN6031: Banking, Financial Markets and Institutions (20 credits) FIN6029: Equity and Fixed Income Securities (20 credits)	Core FIN6030: Investment and Portfolio Management (20 credits) FIN6028: Financial Derivatives (20 credits)
Optional BUS6059: Integrated Business Research Project (40 credits)	Optional FIN6032: Corporate Financial Strategy (20 credits) ACC6022: Project Management (20 credits) BUS6059: Integrated Business Research Project (40 credits)

Part Time Course Structure

Year 1	Semester 1	L4 Introduction to Financial Accounting (20 credits)	L4 Introduction to Finance (20 credits)
	Semester 2	L4 Applied Accounting (20 credits)	L4 Quantitative Methods for Finance (20 credits)
Year 2	Semester 1	L4 Principles of Economics (20 credits)	L5 Financial Reporting (20 credits)
	Semester 2	L4 Financial Information Systems (20 credits)	L5 Financial Modelling (20 credits)
Year 3	Semester 1	L5 Financial Analysis for Investment (20 credits)	L5 option module (20 credits)
	Semester 2	L5 Risk Management (20 credits)	L5 option module (20 credits)
Year 4	Semester 1	L6 Banking, Financial Markets & Institutions (20 credits)	L6 Equity & Fixed Income Securities (20 credits)
	Semester 2	L6 Investment & Portfolio Management (20 credits)	L6 Financial Derivatives (20 credits)
Year 5	Semester 1	L6 Option (20 credits)	
	Semester 2	L6 Option (20 credits)	

Level 5 Options

Semester 1

FIN5014: Corporate Finance (20 credits)
QME5006: Microeconomics (20 credits)
ACC5029: Study Abroad (20 credits)

Semester 2

ACC5035: Principles of Taxation (20 credits)
ACC5031: Ethics, Corporate Governance and Law (20 credits)
ACC5029: Study Abroad (20 credits)

Level 6 Options

Semester 1

FIN6027: International Finance (20 credits)

BUS6059: Integrated Business Research
Project (40 credits)

ACC6027: Taxation (20 credits)

Semester 2

FIN6032: Corporate Financial Strategy (20
credits)

ACC6022: Project Management (20 credits)

BUS6059: Integrated Business Research
Project (40 credits)

13 Overall Student Workload and Balance of Assessment

Overall student *workload* consists of class contact hours, independent learning and assessment activity, with each credit taken equating to a total study time of around 10 hours. While actual contact hours may depend on the optional modules selected, the following information gives an indication of how much time students will need to allocate to different activities at each level of the course.

- *Scheduled Learning* includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, contact time specified in timetable
- *Directed Learning* includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning
- *Private Study* includes preparation for exams

The *balance of assessment* by mode of assessment (e.g. coursework, exam and in-person) depends to some extent on the optional modules chosen by students. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework, exam and in-person is shown below.

Level 4

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	360
Directed Learning	720
Private Study	120
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	45.83
Exam	49.17
In-Person	5.00

Level 5

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	360
Directed Learning	720
Private Study	120
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	37.50
Exam	58.33
In-Person	4.17

Level 6**Workload**

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	360
Directed Learning	720
Private Study	120
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	37.50
Exam	62.50
In-Person	0